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Tori Stafford and her big brother, Daryn, pose together in Woodstock in this undated family photograph. In a victim-impact statement read in court on Tuesday, Daryn said he is "lost without her, trying to move on without my baby sister and best friend." CONTRIBUTED

'No hugs ... no goodbyes'

Rafferty trial. Family remembers Tori Stafford as killer is led off to serve life in prison

Sentence

- Michael Rafferty was sentenced to 25 years in prison. He also got two 10-year terms for sexual assault and kidnapping, to be served concurrently.

The powerful and angry words of the judge presiding over Michael Rafferty's case rang through the courtroom on Tuesday — "twisted," "deviant," "child rapist" — but it was the words of Victoria Stafford's brother that left the largest impact, even on the "monster" himself.

When eight-year-old Tori was abducted on April 8, 2009, her brother, Daryn, was just 10 years old. Several of Tori's family members gave victim-impact statements at Rafferty's formal sentencing, but they all came back to Daryn, the big brother who feels he was supposed to protect Tori.

"No hugs, no 'See you later,' no goodbyes, just a part of my heart ripped out," Daryn wrote in his statement. "My sister was the only person I had to talk to, someone that felt what I felt, cried when I cried, laughed when I laughed, and now I feel alone, like the world is playing a sick trick on me. But it's not. This is my reality."

Rafferty, who was found guilty on Friday of first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping, cried and wiped tears from his eyes as a Crown attorney read Daryn's statement.

Asked if he had anything to say before being sentenced to life in prison, he stood up and addressed Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, saying he would give her "all the pieces of the puzzle," if she wanted to hear them away from the court and the media. She said later she would not be taking him up on his offer.

Rafferty said Tuesday that he is "guilty of many crimes" and has done things he is "very, very ashamed of," but maintained he is not guilty.

The words rang hollow to Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney.

"You have snuffed out the life of a beautiful, talented, vivacious little girl, a 'tomboy diva,' in the trustful innocence of childhood," Heeney said, seething with anger. "And for what? So that you could gratify your twisted and deviant desire to have sex with a child. Only a monster could commit an act of such pure evil.

"You, sir, are a monster."

Shortly after 11 a.m., Rafferty was led from the court for the last time to begin serving his sentence.

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On the web

Tween blasts banks

The latest tirade against Canada's banking system isn't coming from a leading economist, but from a 12-year-old girl. Posted by her father, Cambridge's Victoria Grant's lectures have been making the web rounds and making headlines. Watch the pint-sized pundit at metronews.ca

Same-sex marriage in retrospect

A U.S man shares his memories of late partner, Thomas Bridegroom, outlining how same-sex marriage could have changed their lives. Shane Bitney Crone's YouTube video detailing their struggles has received more than two million views. Watch at metronews.ca

Mobile news

Barack Obama is holding his own when it comes to pop culture. The U.S. president passed ABC's The View's pop quiz, proving he's keeping up with the Kardashians and knows his superheroes. Scan the code to see if he passed the Fifty Shades of Grey test.

City wants to hear your plans for prosperity

Got stimulating economic ideas? Forest City is all ears

MILA PETKOVIC
For Metro in London

Got a great idea to boost Forest City finances? The city wants to hear from you.

A city council committee is calling for the public's ideas on how to kick start London's economy. The investment and economic prosperity committee has launched a 10-year action plan to present to council this fall.

The plan will focus on creating jobs, new partnerships and investment opportunities. The committee is also looking to develop key sectors such as tourism and culture, and downtown development.

Along those lines, Coun. Paul Hubert's job creation idea, Hire 1, was approved by city council earlier this month. Hubert's plan encourages small-business owners to hire at least one more person this year.

But Coun. Bud Polhill said Hire 1 hasn't been "well received" by the public, and it's time for Londoners to share their thoughts.

"Not all (council's) ideas are well received, and we need to think outside the box now," said Polhill, an economic prosperity committee member. "A lot other people could have input that could help us."

The committee has set a deadline of June 1 for the public to submit ideas on how to stimulate the economy. Proposals can be emailed to prosperity@london.ca, or by filling out the online form at prosperityforlondon.ca.

Polhill says the committee is willing to sift through all the emails it gets.

"If you don't have time for the public, you shouldn't be in politics," said Polhill. "We have to make that time. There are a lot of good ideas out there."

Quoted

"Sometimes we get to a point where we don't think outside the box. Maybe someone will know something another city is doing that works."
Coun. Bud Polhill

Although the plan will take place over 10 years, Polhill says the committee is looking to implement ideas as soon as possible, depending on the complexity and cost of the suggestion.

Once all the ideas have been considered, the committee will invite participants to a daylong brainstorming session at the convention centre on June 9.

But if your idea doesn't get you an invite, don't despair: Londoners can also contribute ideas to ReThink London sessions on June 13 and June 23.

Student loans get big assist from feds

Kellie Leitch, parliamentary secretary to Diane Finley, Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development, returned to her alma mater Western University on Tuesday to announce that the federal government will invest $22.5 million over the next 10 years to increase accessibility for student financial assistance. Ottawa projects more than 2,500 additional part-time students will be eligible for a Canada Student Loan in Year 1, increasing to about 8,000 by Year 5. Also, nearly 500 part-time students will receive a Canada Student Grant in the first year of the program, rising to about 1,500 in Year 5.

MARK SPOWART/FOR METRO

Anti-homophobia. Police, group to launch website

London police and the Homophobia-Biphobia-Transphobia Working Group will launch a new website Thursday to more easily allow people to report hate crimes.

The website will let people anonymously report incidents of hate and violence.

Police and the HBT Working Group will also announce the development of an educational workshop on homophobia on Thursday, the International Day Against Homophobia.

"A lot of the people who are involved and active about these issues are youth, and they spend most of their time in a classroom," said Kevin Murphy of the HBT Working Group. "It's easier to get through to people who are still forming their values."

Kevin Murphy
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How to report hate crime

- **London's hate helpline:** 519-951-1584
- **Report Homophobic violence:** http://hbtlondon.ca

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Houser named CHL goalie of week

Michael Houser has been crowned the Canadian Hockey League goaltender of the week. The 19-year-old guided the London Knights to three wins in the week ending May 13. METRO

No one injured

Gas pipe rupture leads to evacuation

Emergency crews were called to Salisbury Street Tuesday after a construction worker struck and ruptured an underground gas line. METRO

Healthy food. Struggling cafeterias should get more creative: McGuinty

Money-losing school cafeterias will have to get "more creative" to whet student appetites with healthier fare if they want to stay in business, Premier Dalton McGuinty said Tuesday.

Some cafeterias aren't making enough money because they have to cut out food that doesn't adhere to the provincial guidelines. The Toronto District School Board said it's looking at closing some cafeterias that are making as little as $35 a week.

But McGuinty was unsympathetic, saying he has to ensure that students have access to healthier fare — even if that means that some cafeterias go out of business.

"I guess we'll have to get a bit more creative in terms of what it is we're selling there and making available to students there," he said.

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Quoted

"Don't tell me that we can't make healthy, delicious, tasty, attractive food for teenagers in the province of Ontario in 2012." Premier Dalton McGuinty

Ex-minister was target of fatal bombing

Colombia. At least two people killed in the blast; nearly a dozen more injured

A bomb targeting a former Colombian interior minister killed two people and injured at least 19 others in the heart of Bogota's uptown commercial district on Tuesday, authorities said.

President Juan Manuel Santos said the former minister, Fernando Londono, was hurt but was out of danger, and Bogota Mayor Gustavo Petro tweeted that "a person committed the attack while walking."

Petro also tweeted, without further detail, that someone had been arrested, but officials did not immediately ascribe blame for the attack.

Santos said in a brief televised declaration that Londono's driver and a police bodyguard were killed in the bombing. Londono's armoured SUV was attacked just before midday on Calle 74 a half block from Caracas Avenue.

The district is packed with office buildings, stores, restaurants and banks.

Earlier Tuesday, police said they had deactivated a car bomb in the centre of the city and said they presumed it was from the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the country's main leftist rebel group, known as the FARC.

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Protesting students stop school from reopening

Students protesting against tuition hikes battle with Quebec provincial police at the Lionel Groulx college Tuesday, in Ste. Therese, Quebec. After several days of student pickets, riot police used chemical irritants to clear a path into the school after the courts ordered it reopened. But a few hours later, the college issued a statement: Lionel-Groulx will remain closed for two more days. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Stratford woman marries into the Jordanian royal family

Princess Basmah al Hussein, formerly of Stratford, and Prince Hamzah Al Hussein, centre, pose with King Abdullah II. HANDOUT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

A barnstorming Stratford woman with a daredevil streak and a passion for adventure has quietly become a member of Jordan's royal family.

Aerobatic pilot Basmah Hasan became Princess Basmah in January after she wed Prince Hamzah of Jordan's Hashemite royal family.

Hamzah is the son of the late King Hussein and his American-born wife, Queen Noor, and a senior officer in Jordan's armed forces. He is the half-brother of the current King, Abdullah II, and for a short time had been Crown Prince before being replaced by his nephew in 2004.

The couple met while 33-year-old Hasan was working as the chief pilot at the Royal Aero Sports Club of Jordan last year. She had blazed a trail in the skies over the Arab world by becoming the first certified aerobatic pilot and a certified glider pilot in the country.

The prince, 32, was a fixed-wing pilot trained at Britain's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

"She fell in love with this man, madly in love with him, they're very much in love," says sister Yasmen Hasan of Ottawa, the family's spokesperson.

Hasan had moved to Jordan in 2004, leaving her mathematics studies at the University of Western Ontario to pursue a dream of becoming a pilot. Her parents Mike and Halloul were from affluent Jordanian families, their four children were born in Canada.

Sister Yasmen calls the whole wedding "surreal," as she and her family stood alongside King Abdullah II, his wife Queen Rania, and Queen Noor for the nuptials.

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Syria

UN vehicles hit by bomb

The UN observer mission's cars were damaged by a roadside bomb Tuesday, minutes after witnesses said regime forces gunned down mourners at a funeral. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Poland

Two giraffes die, male widowed

Two female giraffes at a zoo in central Poland died after vandals broke in on Saturday. Officials believe stress due to the vandalism contributed to their deaths. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Six-year-old male giraffe Tofik is left alone at the zoo in Lodz.
MARIAN ZUBRZYCKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

France

President's plane struck by lightning

Francois Hollande took over as France's president Tuesday and jetted off for talks on the debt crisis — only to have his plane struck by lightning. No one was hurt.
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Toronto

Cabbie charged in boarder's death

Police have laid a second-degree murder charge against a cab driver after a skateboarder died following a collision in downtown Toronto, Monday evening.
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Smile!

Fish could lead to better teeth

British scientists say the pufferfish's ability to generate new teeth every two weeks provides a model for creating a system of continuous tooth replacement in humans. MWN

Feds send out mixed signals for EI changes

Suitable employment. No plan to force workers to take 'any job available', human resources minister tells the Commons

The Harper government sent confusing signals Tuesday about coming changes to employment insurance rules, declaring in favour of a hard-line approach while indicating the new measures will be moderate.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley told the House of Commons there's no plan to force jobless workers receiving EI benefits to take any job available, as the finance minister seemed to suggest the day before.

"Canadians will be expected to take jobs appropriate to their skill level in their area," she said.

That is decidedly different from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's comments on Monday, when he said he was brought up to believe that "any job is a good job" and that the current EI rules are a disincentive to work.

Canadians won't know exactly what the government has in mind until new regulations on defining "suitable employment" are unveiled in the next few months.

And Finley agreed with Flaherty that one of the problems facing the economy is labour shortages, even though the current jobless rate of 7.3 per cent is more than a full point higher than prior to the 2008 recession.

In response to a question in the Commons, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appeared to back his finance minister.

"Let's face it, Canada is facing unprecedented shortages of labour and skills, so we need to help Canadians who are unemployed get back to work quickly."

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Murdoch's media star charged

One of Rupert Murdoch's most trusted lieutenants, former U.K. tabloid editor Rebekah Brooks, seen leaving her lawyer's office in London with husband Charlie Brooks, was charged Tuesday alongside five others with conspiring to hide evidence of phone hacking. The 43-year-old Brooks, who quit as News International chief executive in July, faces three separate allegations of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice — an offence which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The charges against Brooks, her husband and four aides are the first prosecutions since police reopened inquiries 18 months ago into wrongdoing by the country's scandal-hungry press.

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Facebook. Raised IPO values company at more than $100 billion US

Already expected to be the largest-ever initial public offering for an Internet company, Facebook is making its IPO even bigger.

On Tuesday, the world's largest online social network increased the planned price range for its stock to $34 to $38 US per share in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. That's up from its previous range of $28 to $35 US. At the upper limit of $38, the sale would raise about $12.8 billion US. The move, which values Facebook as high as $104 billion US, comes amid growing investor excitement about the offering. Analysts are comparing the frenzy surrounding Facebook's IPO to Google's in 2004, though in sheer size the latter pales in comparison.

At the same time, half of Americans think the expected value for Facebook is too high, according to a new Associated Press-CNBC poll conducted before the company raised its expected stock price on Tuesday. Only a third of those surveyed said they think Facebook's expected value is appropriate.

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"This is a deal that literally must work, in that it is so high-profile."

Scott Sweet, owner of advisory firm IPOBoutique

Market Minute

DOLLAR 99.32¢ (-0.39¢)

Natural gas: $2.50 US (+6.9¢)
Dow Jones: 12,632 (-63.35)

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AND WE THOUGHT THIS STUFF WAS ONLY IN MOVIES

JUST SAYIN'
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While the rest of us are lined up at the multiplex to watch CGI superheroes toss CGI arch-villains around in The Avengers, the real nerds have, as you might expect, already moved on.

To something called "quantum entanglement."

Quantum entanglement is weird. Somehow, subatomic particles act on each other and it doesn't matter if they're in the same room or at opposite ends of the Milky Way. As soon as you know that one is "up," you know the other is "down" and vice-versa. That's an oversimplification, but this entire column is an oversimplification. Trust me, you really don't want the unabridged version, anyway.

Quantum entanglement is so weird it blew Einstein's mind. He called it "spooky action at a distance" and thought it invalidated quantum theory until physicist John Bell proved it actually happens, thereby inventing Bell's Theorem.

Weird as it may be, quantum entanglement has fired up the imaginations of scientists everywhere who think that someday it will mean super-fast quantum computers, instant communications across vast distances, time-travel and even teleportation, as in "Beam me up, Scotty."

Beam me up, Scotty

As we speak, on science blogs everywhere, people are earnestly debating the safety hazards associated with teleportation — whether or not it's the actual Captain Kirk who arrives back on the Enterprise or a quantum copy.

As we speak, on science blogs everywhere, people are earnestly debating the safety hazards associated with teleportation — whether or not it's the actual Captain Kirk who arrives back on the Enterprise or a quantum copy. The real Kirk has died and is left behind on Regulus III — his quantum copy just doesn't know it.

Back on the real Earth, progress is being made on untangling quantum entanglement. One group of Chinese scientists has managed to entangle eight photons (particles of light), and just this week another group of Chinese scientists announced that they have managed to go where no geek has gone before, teleporting an entangled pair of quantum bits, or qubits, 97 kilometres across a lake.

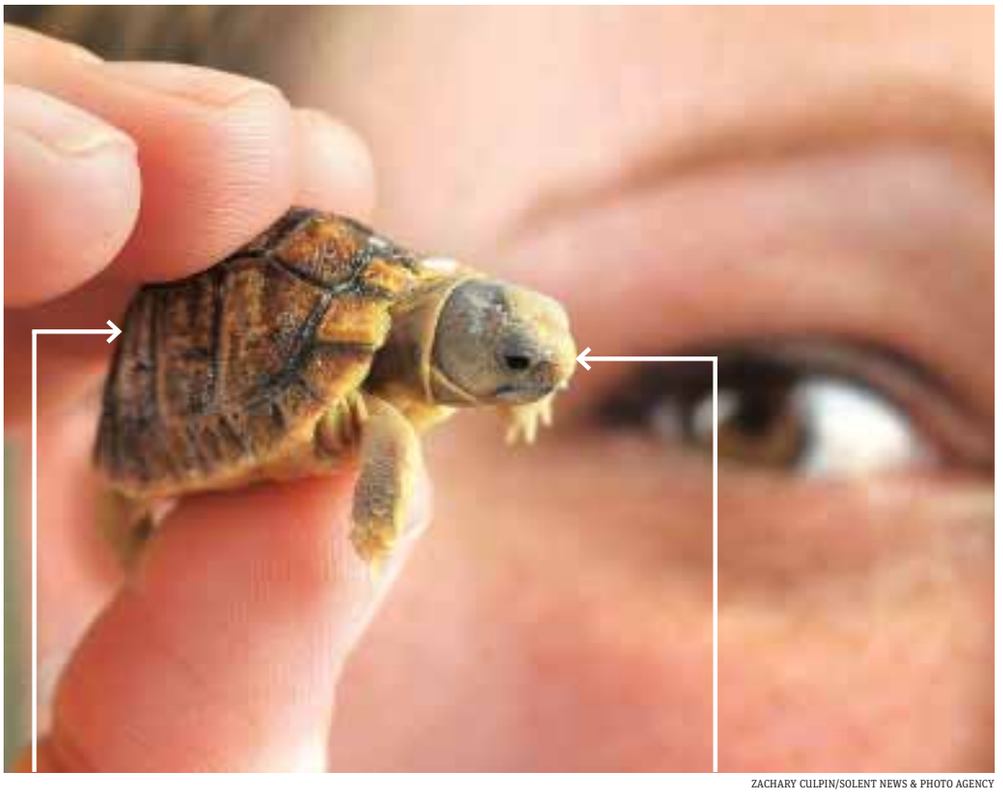
This is a big deal, as the damn qubits keep unravelling or unentangling or whatever, due to problems not encountered in theorems, such as imperfections in optics and air turbulence. It may seem like a small step for humankind (actually really small: sub-atomic), but how long could it be before we can instantly beam William Shatner from one Priceline hotel to the other?

You have to love this stuff, even if it never means you'll be able to honeymoon on Shiralea VI and be back in time for work on Monday. As you think about this idea, of real matter acting in lockstep mysteriously across time and space, you get a glimpse of just how wonderful and mysterious the universe really is.

And you don't have to pay for parking or popcorn.

Boldly going where no man has gone before. CONTRIBUTED

Walk like an Egyptian turtle



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Saving a species

Endangered tiny tortoises born

It's only the size of a coin, but this tortoise is priceless. Four hatchlings of the critically-endangered Egyptian tortoise (*Testudo kleinmanni*) have been born at Marwell Wildlife, near Winchester, Hampshire, south England. Only just over a week old, the smallest of the youngsters weighed just 3.1 grams after hatching.

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centimetres is the approximate height of the first Egyptian tortoise hatchling, the same diameter as a small coin.

Facts and figures

- **Live long but still small.** Adults live for up to 50 years. These tortoises can grow to around 15 centimetres long and weigh 500 grams. This species of tortoise is the smallest in the northern hemisphere. The speckled padloper of South Africa is the world's smallest tortoise.
- **Egyptian by name only.** It's believed the Egyptian tortoise no longer exists in its namesake country. The species disappeared there some twenty years ago due to aridifcation of land, overgrazing and pet trade over-collecting.
- **In decline.** "Their numbers have declined severely in the last 30 years," Sherif Baha el-Din, scientific adviser at the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, told ABC News. He said a survey in Egypt in 1994 had failed to locate any wild tortoises at all. "They are very ancient animals and haven't changed much over the years, which makes them more susceptible to problems."

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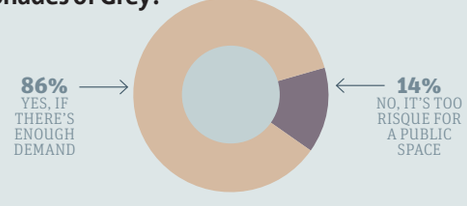

Twitter

@dmrodrigues89: In the mornings, we are all tweeting from our smartphones in the comfort of our own beds sheltered by blankets.

@realliferunway: I'm wearing my workout clothes today. Does that count?

@BHRaymond: I got rid of Foursquare so just to keep you informed, I am downtown #ldnont

@CorelChick: Leaving for work early so I can enjoy some of this perfect day.

@jesserinmalone: @RickyBankss guess what. got accepted to #fanshawe #nobigdeal

@Traceynola: Looking for a working turntable and speakers. No I don't need two turntables and a microphone. #LDNONT #vinyl

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Awards-show accident

Michaels gets Tony Awards settlement

Bret Michaels and organizers of the Tony Awards have settled a lawsuit filed by the rocker after a 2009 incident in which he was hit in the head with a set piece and suffered injuries that contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him.

The confidential settlement also covers Michaels' claims against CBS, which aired the show — and the mishap, which became a viral video watched by tens of millions online.

The Poison frontman blamed the network for airing the moment and claimed Tony Awards producers never warned him there would be a set change after he and his band performed Nothin' But a Good Time.

The whack initially left Michaels with a busted lip and broken nose, but also caused brain bleeding. He was hospitalized in April 2010 and doctors found he had a brain hemorrhage and he later suffered a warning stroke, which the musician says nearly killed him.

Michaels' attorney Alex Weingarten said details of the settlement would not be released. "Mr. Michaels would like to thank his fans for their continued support," he wrote in a statement.

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On the web

Kennedy Center to honour Ellen DeGeneres with Mark Twain award, the nation's top humour prize.

Unlikely rom-com

Dictator forces you to be entertained

The Dictator

Director. Larry Charles

Stars: Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris

Although it's slightly more conventional than his breakout hit Borat, funnyman Sacha Baron Cohen's The Dictator is also only slightly less obscene and outrageous. Starring as the fascist despot of fictional Wadiya, Cohen's idiotic oppressor mistakenly gets lost in America and develops an unlikely romance with a fuzzy-underarmed feminist (Anna Faris). Certainly more plot-driven than his previous pictures, The Dictator is also more predictable. Still, with Cohen's uncanny ability to bring heart and hilarity to even the most offensive of characters, The Dictator commands its audience with an iron (and at times ironic) fist.

STEVE GOW

The Dictator listings
Rainbow Cinemas London
Wed-Thu 1:25-3:30-7:15-9:15
Wellington 8 Cinemas
Wed-Thu 6:50-9:20
Cineplex Odeon Westmount
No Passes Wed-Thu 7:50-10
SilverCity London
No Passes Wed 1:30-4:45-7:10-9:35 No Passes Thu 1:30-3:55-7:10-8:20-10:25

While brushing his teeth, Norman pretends that he is a zombie in the children's animated feature ParaNorman. HANDOUT

The not-so-normal making of ParaNorman

Stop-motion technology. Elaborate, painstaking animation gives this children's monster movie a gritty but stunning feel

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It's a story of a little boy who is bullied at school. It would be universal, except that Norman is able to see ghosts and zombies.

And the 3-D movie is shot using labour-intensive stop-motion technology. At a time when computer-generated imagery is creating stunning and elaborate animation, the tactile quality of ParaNorman is refreshingly unusual.

Part comedy, part horror pastiche, ParaNorman (in theatres August 17) is produced by Laika, the studio that made Coraline, a 2009 3-D stop-motion children's film, nominated for an Academy Award for best animated feature.

ParaNorman writer and co-director Chris Butler has a soft spot for the paranormal, having grown up on The Goonies, Ghostbusters and Scooby-Doo.

"I think there is something thrilling to kids about monsters. As long as you're saying that there's a monster and it can be beaten. I think that's important," he says.

The directors wanted a raw, gritty animation style. And the studio focused on real-life materials to achieve it. In its puppet and set-construction departments, fine artists, jewelers, engineers, and even chemists crafted the characters and scenes.

While the movie boasts some high-profile voices — including young stars Kodi Smit-McPhee and Anna Kendrick — much of the "acting" is shared by an invisible cast of about 25 animators who work alone, manipulating the puppets on separate sets, and sometimes shooting as few as 15 or 16 frames in an entire day (less than one second of footage). On a good day, they'll shoot several seconds.

Director duo

Sam Fell and Chris Butler (writer) teamed up to co-direct this children's film.

- **According to Butler, the original idea was "John Carpenter-meets-John Hughes."** Carpenter directed horror classic Halloween, while Hughes directed Ferris Bueller's Day Off.
- **Co-director Fell compared the film's look to William Eggleston's photography of objects like junk in a gutter, or a chainlink fence.**

Book-turned-movie, with a rare self-help twist

Chris Rock, left, and Rodrigo Santoro, right, in a scene from What to Expect When You're Expecting. HANDOUT

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Big-screen adaptations of books are common. This year, everything from The Lorax to The Hunger Games and even Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter are making the leap from page to stage.

Less common is the reworking of self-help books for the movies. Earlier this year, Think Like a Man, a rom-com based on Steve Harvey's bestselling advice book, was a huge hit. Now this weekend, pregnancy guide What to Expect When You're Expecting gets the all-star treatment as a comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez and Elizabeth Banks.

Self-help guides rarely get adapted into movies because they generally lack a dramatic arc. 101 Ways to Improve Your Communication Skills Instantly, for instance, doesn't offer up much in the way of exciting drama, but some filmmakers have found ways of creating compelling stories from advice books.

In 1962, when Helen Gurley Brown's book Sex and the Single Girl sold two million copies in three weeks, Hollywood came calling. The book's then-controversial premise — that women should enjoy sex in or out of wedlock — was, however, watered down into a salute to marriage, which better suited the tone of the times than the book's feminist message.

Years later, both Sex and the City and Renée Zellweger's sex farce Down with Love both looked to the book for inspiration. Not all self-help book adaptations are successful, however. One review for Let's Go To Prison, based on an advice book by Jim Hogshire, said, "89 minutes that drag on like, well, a prison sentence," while He's Just Not That Into You was likened to "reliving your 20s, minus the fun."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Chris Hemsworth

Baby name came easy for Chris Hemsworth and his wife

What's in a name? Well, for Chris Hemsworth's newborn daughter, India, it simply pleased the parents.

"It was just a name we liked," Hemsworth explains to E! News. "I always kind of liked Indy or Indiana for a boy, and she liked India. We sort of went, 'Oh, well, whether it's a boy or girl, that will decide it.' It just seemed to fit." The 28-year-old Avengers star is equally pleased with finally being a father. "I've wanted to have kids for a long time, and here it is, and I couldn't be happier."

Quoted

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Jessica Alba

Jessica Alba didn't always like the spotlight

While Jessica Alba is comfortable with her public image now, it wasn't always so easy, she admits — especially back in her Dark Angel days.

"I had a show that premiered when I was 19. And right away, everyone formed a strong opinion about me because of the way I was marketed. I was supposed to be sexy, this tough action girl. That's what people expected," she tells Marie Claire magazine. "I felt like I was being objectified, and it made me uncomfortable. I wanted to be chic and elegant!"

The Word

Maybe Jay-Z should run for President

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When Jay-Z went on CNN yesterday and was asked about Obama's recent public support of gay marriage, he didn't necessarily say anything groundbreaking.

We're all humans, we're wasting our time talking about this, love happens: you've heard this before.

But, that said, everything sounds so much cooler — so obviously a good idea — when it's delivered with a little Jay-Z swagger. This guy should consider running for office — or calling us:

"I've always thought it as something that was still holding the country back. What people do in their own homes is their business."

Of course it is. I bet your home is nice. It seems like it would smell really nice and have good snacks. Swoon.

"You can choose to love whoever you love."

Like you, for instance. I mean, if Beyonce's cool with it. She's probably not. Forget this part happened.

"It's really not about votes, it's about people. Whether it costs (Obama) votes or not, I think it's the right thing to do as a human being."

We're humans! We love being human. Go humans.

Charlize Theron ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Charlize Theron over the moon about becoming a mom

Charlize Theron admits that everything in her life has changed since adopting a baby boy, Jackson, in March.

"It's strangely everything that you've hoped for and it feels so right. I don't know how else to say it," Theron tells E! News.

"I feel like I can't remember anything prior to him. I feel like it was always just meant to be what it is."

Private Travolta trial set to be 'one hell of a fight'

John Travolta

While John Travolta's second accuser won't be facing the star in a public trial, the lawyer representing him doesn't want people to think they won't be putting up a fight.

"I want a full trial with a private judge," Okorie Okorocha tells People magazine in response to reports the case may be heading into mediation.

"There is no mediation. There'll never be a settlement. I want privacy for sex crime victims. It looks like (Travolta's attorney Marty Singer) wants one hell of a fight."

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3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Skrillex to lead train tour

Grammy-winning dubstep DJ Skrillex will be exploring a different kind of track this summer as he leads a group of electronic artists on a tour through Canada on a private passenger train. The tour will also feature performances by buzzy Montreal artist Grimes, Philadelphia DJ Diplo and Colorado's Pretty Lights. The cross-country trek will kick off on July 13 in Toronto with stops in Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

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On the web

New photo exhibition reveals the early days of Bono and U2, documenting the band's gritty origins in 1970s Dublin

5 top boutique hotels in Mexico

Want a beach vacation but can't stand the thought of staying at a mega-resort? In Mexico, you don't have to. Getting Canadians away from crowded beaches and watered-down fruity drinks is Sylvie Laitre's specialty. The director of Mexico Boutique Hotels lives in Puerto Vallarta and has spent 15 years travelling the country looking for hidden gems that offer privacy and tranquility. Here are her Top 5 picks:

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1 Casa de Mita

Location: Punta de Mita, a 45-minute drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: With just eight rooms on the property, guests who visit this all-inclusive beachfront property rave about the chef's creations and attentive staff. Each room has a private balcony facing the Pacific Ocean and there are endless activities to enjoy, from getting a massage to playing a round of golf.

Price: $565-$895 per night.

Travel tip: This adults-only resort is so popular it has repeat guests, so book early.

2 Playa Escondida

Location: Sayulita, a one-hour drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: Peaceful, quirky and secluded. Those are the words most people who've stayed here use to describe the resort. Lush with vegetation, this property caters to adventurous Canadians.

Price: $150-$400 per night.

Travel tip: The showers for some rooms are outside, but still private, and most people say it just adds to the charm of the property.

3 Capella Ixtapa

Location: A 20-minute drive from the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo airport.

Description:
Nestled on the side of a rocky cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this 59-suite property is known for its stunning architecture. Guests love that there's a private plunge pool in every room.

Price: $275-1,350 per night

Travel tip: This property does not have a beach to laze on all day, but there are two pools, including one that's salt-water.

5 Villas Flamingos

Location: Isla Holbox, about three hours north of the Cancun airport.

Description: This funky eco-friendly resort is the exact antithesis of the debauchery that goes on in Cancun. A property that caters to families and couples, guests can stay in suites, a bungalow or rent the island's only beach house. The laid-back atmosphere encourages relaxation and you can walk almost anywhere barefoot.

Price: $107-$497 per night. Includes breakfast for two.

Travel tip: This property is one of a few in the world that can take you swimming with whale sharks.

4 Viceroy Riviera Maya

Location: Playa Xcalacoco, about 20 minutes from Playa del Carmen. Fly into Cancun.

Description: Popular among honeymooners and couples, this property is luxurious, romantic and the perfect place to celebrate a major milestone. Guests rave about the spa, where you can get an ancient Mayan massage or a body treatment where hibiscus flowers are used to encourage radiance and energy back into your skin.

Price: $605-$2,720 per night.

Travel Tip: Most reviewers on Trip Advisor find the food and wine to be expensive.

We would eat anything this man served us. DAVID LOFTUS

Jamie Oliver wants you

On May 19, the famous British chef asks you to join his healthy-eating crusade, a.k.a. Food Revolution Day
'I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza. I'm anti- shit food,' he says

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Chef Jamie Oliver has devoted his career to fighting unhealthy eating — and you can see why: Global obesity has more than doubled since 1980. Each year, 2.8 million adults around the world die as a result of being overweight.

On Saturday May 19, the British TV star launches his latest effort, Food Revolution Day, a global campaign that asks you to think about eating right: host a food event serving organic foods, or a locally-sourced dinner party, or start a campaign at work or school.

Check out foodrevolutionday.com for more ideas and events in your city.

Here's Oliver on why you should join the movement:

The obesity crisis: How did we end up here?

The main issue is the Western diet: it's single-handedly more responsible for damage to global health than anything else. In so many Western countries, we have three generations of people who were never taught how to cook at home.

Both parents were at work, food education at school is so shit, they can't learn there. I've been in houses where kids only hydrate on fizzy drinks and show no interest in tap water.

And technology, freezing techniques and processed foods have only made things worse.

Will the world ever get healthy again?

I actually think that multinationals and fast-food companies are the best people to lead the change. If they chose to get behind healthy eating, they would do a better job than any other government or individual. If you thought the oil and petrol industry was complicated and causing wars, think again. The food industry is on another level. The problem is the corruption between food industries and governments.

We need to address smaller issues like chicken farming or pink slime. Stop these products from ever being registered. How f—ing dare they?

And how will the Food Revolution Day help?

I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza; I'm anti- shit food. With Food Revolution Day, I'm trying to get as many people as possible to stir the pot. We all need to become a little fussier about what we put in our gobs [mouths]. When you put something in your mouth, it's a very personal thing that affects you straight away.

You've already tried to change North American food habits once. What makes you think that they will listen to you this time?

I expect nothing. People may not want me around but I don't think I've ever wasted my time. I don't give a shit if people think I'm crazy. North America is difficult, as it's where a lot of the unhealthy foods and brands are created. It's the eye of the storm. Most countries eventually follow their trends, whether they like it or not.

Ultimately, though, do you think most Americans would rather go to McDonald's than go to the gym?

Things need to change otherwise the whole country will come to a standstill. People won't be mobile. It's a question of national security. How can you train an army if the nation is obese? Progress will happen. They have no choice.

Full of bright vegetables and bold flavour, this healthy chili is worth the chopping

Jamie Oliver's Vegetarian Chili is a bowl of savoury healthy goodness MATT RUSSELL

Ingredients

What you'll need:

- **2 medium-sized sweet potatoes.** (around 500g)
- **1 level teaspoon cayenne pepper.** Plus extra for sprinkling
- **1 heaped teaspoon ground cumin.** (Plus extra for sprinkling)
- **1 level teaspoon ground cinnamon.** (Plus extra for sprinkling)
- **Olive oil**
- **Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper**
- **1 onion**
- **1 red pepper**
- **1 yellow pepper**
- **A bunch of fresh coriander**
- **1 red chili**
- **1 green chili**
- **2 cloves of garlic**
- **1 yellow pepper**
- **2 x 400g tins beans.** Try kidney, chickpea, pinto, cannellini
- **2 x 400g tins chopped tomatoes**

This is a lovely alternative to traditional chili con carne.

It's packed with good stuff so is a great choice for vegetarians and meat-eaters alike.

To prepare the chili:

1. Preheat the oven to 200˚C/ 400˚F.

2. Peel the sweet potatoes and cut into bite-sized chunks. Sprinkle with a pinch each of cayenne, cumin and cinnamon, drizzle with olive oil and scatter with a pinch of salt and pepper. Toss to coat then put them on a baking tray.

3. Peel and roughly chop the onion. Halve, de-seed and roughly chop the peppers.

Pick the coriander leaves and put aside, finely chop the stalks. De-seed and finely chop the chilies. Peel and finely chop the garlic.

To cook your chili:

4. Put the tray of sweet potato in the hot oven to cook for 40 minutes until soft and golden.

5. Put a large pan on a medium-high heat and add a couple lugs of olive oil. Add the onion, peppers and garlic and cook for 5 minutes. Add the coriander stalks, chili and spices and cook for another 5 to 10 minutes, stirring every couple of minutes.

6. Drain the cans of beans, then tip them into the pan with the tinned tomatoes. Stir well and bring to the boil, then reduce to a medium-low heat and leave to tick away for 25 to 30 minutes.

Keep an eye on it, and add a splash of water if it gets a bit thick.

To serve your chili:

7. Get the roasted sweet potato out of the oven and stir it through your chili with most of the coriander leaves. Taste and season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, if needed.

8. Scatter the remaining leaves over the top, and serve with some sour cream, guacamole and rice or tortillas.

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The new bilingualism: computer-speak

TalentEgg. Sometimes getting that job means knowing how the speak the language — even HTML

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Earlier this year, I learned that I was shortlisted for a job alongside one other candidate.

I'd submitted a portfolio, interviewed with my potential supervisor, wrote a set of sample pieces, and was (obviously) really eager to learn whether or not I'd be making the cut.

Lucky for me, I had an inside source to scoop who my competition was and why we were the two left standing.

What I wasn't expecting was to discover that our strengths and weaknesses both had to do with our proficiency with language: the other candidate's written French was much more polished than mine, but I'd demonstrated my understanding of HTML and CSS.

Fast-forwarding a tad, you should know that neither of us got the job as the company underwent a bit of a hiring freeze (it happens). But I was still intrigued by my competition's lack of knowledge of markup languages.

How is it, considering how prevalent the Internet and technology are in most fields nowadays, that some still don't know how to code?

Sure, it's as easy now as it ever was to fully customize your Tumblr, Blogger or Twitter page with a simple click or drag and drop. A decade ago, we were doing it with GeoCities and LiveJournal.

Except it gets tiresome seeing the same layout over and over again — with all the blogs and personal websites out there, standing out is key.

In this day and age, design is important.

Being proficient with computer languages is one trait many employers are looking for. ISTOCK

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Online resources

The Internet is crawling with resources for beginner code-monkeys.

- **Back to basics.** The first site I ever looked to for HTML how-to was Lissa Explains. Don't let the eye-popping fluorescent-themed colour scheme fool you — it's extremely useful. If you've never encountered anything code-related before, this site is fantastic because it's meant for kids.
- **Instant gratification.** It works lesson-by-lesson and when you understand key concepts, it gives you badges and points. Sounds kind of fun, no?
- **The experts.** Mozilla, the fine folks behind Firefox, have created the Mozilla Developer Network, a hub that's full of tools and articles on web development There's also a lot more than just HTML and CSS.

Student voices

Casting a 'net' to reel in a job

Shannon Gallagher. CONTRIBUTED

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I found my current employer, a digital agency called rtraction, through networking on Twitter. I learned about the company and people through their extensive use of Twitter and had interacted with several of them personally before approaching them for the opportunity to work as a marketing intern.

There wasn't an existing position or opening, but they had me in to chat and decided that they would like to have me on the team, and that was how the marketing internship position was created.

Employers: please interact with students and recent grads on social media sites! It's where we are, and it's where we look for employers (depending on the industry).

There is huge potential to interest future (and current) employees, solicit feedback, and grow/maintain a positive corporate image.

NFL

Louisiana lawmakers pipe up on bounties

The Louisiana Legislature is asking the NFL to reconsider the penalties imposed on the New Orleans Saints because of its bounty program.

In the resolution, lawmakers say there is "widespread public opinion throughout the state of Louisiana and beyond that the penalties imposed upon the Saints are too harsh and should be reconsidered."

The formal request received final legislative passage with a 28-1 Senate vote Monday.

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NFL

Buffalo Bills in Toronto series on NFL agenda

The Buffalo Bills' bid to extend their series of playing regular-season games in Toronto could take a big step forward before the end of the month, barring a setback in negotiations.

League spokesman Michael Signora wrote in an email on Tuesday that the Toronto series will be on the NFL International Committee's agenda for its next meeting. The meeting is scheduled to take place this month, but no date has been set.

In March, NFL owners voted to give the committee authority to make decisions regarding the series, which began five years ago.

Though Signora declined to discuss the status of talks between the Bills and Toronto-based Rogers Communications, the two sides have previously expressed optimism that a new deal will be reached to extend the series before it expires after this season.

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Chris Kreider celebrates his goal against the New Jersey Devils Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Rangers determined to buck recent trend

NHL. New York has yet to win Game 2 at home these playoffs

For the third straight series, the New York Rangers are basking in the glow of a 1-0 lead earned in the confines of "The World's Most Famous Arena."

The Eastern Conference's top-seeded team has failed in its first two attempts to double that edge at Madison Square Garden. Given a third shot against the New Jersey Devils, the Rangers are determined to make the most of home-ice advantage in Game 2 of the East finals on Wednesday night.

The Rangers held an optional practice Tuesday at their home rink, the site of a 3-0 win in Game 1 on Monday.

The teams slogged through two periods, and New York admittedly wasn't at its best coming off its second straight seven-game series. But the Rangers scored three times in the third period and rode their defence and the goaltending of Henrik Lundqvist to victory.

"I don't know about escaped," Rangers captain Ryan Callahan said of the win. "We've got to be better. We know that. We've got areas in the game that we need to improve on and we need to work on. We'll be ready for tomorrow."

While no one in the Rangers room could put a finger on what went wrong in Game 2 losses to Ottawa and Washington, New York voiced a determination to break the trend in which it alternated wins and losses through the first four games of the opening two rounds.

The Rangers went win-one-lose-one through all seven games against Washington. New Jersey won four straight against Philadelphia after losing the opener, to end that second-round series in five games. The Devils came back from a 3-2 deficit in the first round against Florida.

A two-game lead could do wonders for the Rangers, if for no other reason than to give the team a mental break from the constant pressure.

The Devils, who had five days off between the second and third rounds, would be happy to take a 1-1 tie home for Game 3 on Saturday.

""You're down one game, and they have home-ice advantage," Devils coach Peter DeBoer said Tuesday. "We've been in this spot before. We know we can play better. Credit to them, they got the job done — found a way to get a win. Now it's on us to respond the right way."

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Tight playoffs

- Not only have the Rangers failed to take a 2-0 lead, but they haven't held a two-game edge at any point of either series.
- The only time they have won two games in a row this post-season was when they rallied from a 3-2 hole and took Games 6 and 7 against Ottawa.

Knights psyched for Dale Hunter's return

Dale Hunter in Washington in November 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a little extra boost that came just in time for the Memorial Cup.

As the London Knights put the finishing touches on their preparation for the tournament that will decide the Canadian Hockey League champion, they learned that Dale Hunter was coming home.

Hunter, who owns the OHL-champion Knights, informed the Washington Capitals on Monday that he wouldn't be back as head coach of the NHL club, saying going back home to London was "the right thing to do."

While he won't be returning to as Knights head coach, which is where he started the season before being hired by the Capitals in November, Hunter will be with the team when the tournament starts in Shawinigan, Que., on Friday.

Hunter's brother Mark, who succeeded him as London's coach, will remain behind the bench during the tournament.

"It's another set of eyes watching the games now," Knights goalie Michael Houser, the OHL's outstanding player of the year, said Tuesday. "We're excited to have Dale back, but Mark is still the head coach, and it will be good to have Dale there in Shawinigan for support."

The Knights won the OHL title on Friday, defeating the Niagara IceDogs 2-1 to claim the best-of-seven series 4-1.

They'll open the Memorial Cup on Saturday against the defending champion Saint John Sea Dogs. The four-team tournament begins Friday with the host Shawinigan Cataractes facing the WHL-champion Edmonton Oil Kings. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Cycling

"I can't be disappointed losing the jersey in those circumstances and I am pleased with my condition and will look to the rest of the race with confidence."

Canada's Ryder Hesjedal, the first Canadian to ever lead the Giro d'Italia, lost that lead on Tuesday to Spanish rider Joaquin Rodriguez. Rodriguez took the overall lead after winning the hilly 10th stage with a sprint finish. Hesjedal was only six seconds behind Rodriguez in sixth place in the hilly 10th, but Rodriguez moved ahead of him thanks to a 20-second time bonus for the stage victory.

NHL

Kings look to stamp authority on series

The Los Angeles Kings sought a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals after they dominated the Phoenix Coyotes in Game 1. Vist metronews.ca/sports for the results of Tuesday night's game.

On the web

The Staples Center in Los Angeles will easily be the busiest building in pro sports later this week as it hosts six playoff games in four days. Scan the code to find out how officials plan to solve the Kings, Lakers, Clippers puzzle.

Tale of 2 wives at Clemens trial

MLB. Star witness speaks of nagging and 'creepy' Debbie Clemens injection

Roger Clemens arrives at federal court in Washington on Tuesday. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brian McNamee testified Tuesday he saved medical waste after injecting Roger Clemens with steroids because his wife complained that McNamee was going to be the fall guy.

McNamee said his wife told him, "You're going to go down! You're going to go down! You're going to go down!"

McNamee, Clemens' former strength coach, has said he injected the seven-time Cy Young winner multiple times with steroids and human growth hormone.

He said his wife was giving him a "hard time every single day," after he told her about the injections, so he took a swab and cotton ball from a Clemens' steroid injection in 2001, put it in a beer can, and brought it home.

The waste collected is the physical evidence prosecutors are using against Clemens in his perjury trial. Clemens is accused of lying to Congress in 2008 when he denied using steroids or HGH.

McNamee said he stored the material in a FedEx box, first in a closet in his basement, then in a closet in his master bedroom.

In his 2008 congressional deposition, McNamee said he kept the materials because he distrusted Clemens "to a degree."

McNamee, who testified Monday that he injected Clemens with steroids when they were with the Blue Jays in 1998, said Tuesday he resumed injecting him when they were reunited with the New York Yankees in 2000 and 2001.

According to McNamee, Clemens told him in 2000, "I'm ready to start up again. You have a guy, right?" McNamee turned to Kurt Radomski, who touted human growth hormone, as the "latest and greatest," and McNamee went back to check with Clemens.

"He said, 'Sure, get it,'" McNamee said.

McNamee said he injected Clemens with steroids that season, "no less than six, no more than 8 or 10" times, and HGH 10 to 20 times.

He also recounted injecting Clemens' wife, Debbie, with HGH, at her request in 2003. McNamee said that Clemens was present for the injection, while Clemens has said he was not.

According to McNamee, Debbie looked at her husband, and said, "I can't believe you're going to let him do this to me," and Clemens responded, "He injects me, why can't he inject you?"

McNamee said he felt "creepy," because it was his friend's wife. He said he would never have injected her without Clemens being present. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canada ready to take medal round plunge

Canada's Ryan O'Reilly scores on Belarus' Dmitri Milchakov on Tuesday in Helsinki. HEIKKI SAUKKOMAA/LEHTIKUVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So far, so good.

Canada set itself up with the best possible path into the medal round at the IIHF world hockey championship after clinching top spot in the Helsinki pool with a 5-1 victory over Belarus on Tuesday. It was an important step for a team that desperately wants to avoid a third straight early exit at the tournament.

"Our mindset changes now and we have to win the quarter-finals," said forward Jordan Eberle. "That's kind of been the back-breaker for us the last two years. We've played well in the pool games but we haven't brought it in the quarter-finals.

"This is an important game for us."

Quoted

"You don't get a trophy for winning the pool. It all counts in the games to come."
Jordan Eberle

Canada has drawn a tough opponent for Thursday's do-or-die game in Slovakia, which won five straight games to finish the round robin. As a result, the Slovaks secured a spot in the 2014 Olympic tournament and now believe they have what it takes to win a medal here.

However, by winning its pool Canada, guaranteed that it won't see the powerhouse Russians before the gold-medal final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA. Bulls' Rose faces a long road to recovery

Chicago Bulls star Derrick Rose could be out eight months to a year due to a knee surgery.

The assessment by Dr. Brian Cole on Tuesday means the point guard could return in mid-January to early February or miss next season. The doctor added there is a chance Rose could be back sooner, but "we're not going to rush it."

The Bulls had already said Rose has a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee. Cole said there were also two tears in his meniscus cartilage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in pictures

1 MLB. One last knuckle-ball for Wakefield

The Red Sox honoured Tim Wakefield on Tuesday with a ceremony before Boston's game against Seattle. Only Carl Yastrzemski (23), Dwight Evans (19) and Ted Williams (19) played more seasons than Wakefield's 17 in Boston. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 NBA. Carlisle locks in with Mavericks

Coach Rick Carlisle has agreed to a new contract with the Dallas Mavericks, a year after winning the title. Owner Mark Cuban indicated in a statement Tuesday that the new contract is at least a four-year deal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Tennis. Serena keeps rolling in Italy

Serena Williams beat 46th-ranked Galina Voskoboeva of Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3, at the Italian Open on Tuesday for her 14th consecutive victory. In men's action, top-ranked Novak Djokovic dominated teenager Bernard Tomic, 6-3, 6-3, to open the defence of his Italian Open title on Tuesday night. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Looking to Escape sedan life?

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'Intelligent' AWD

The Escape's new "Intelligent" all-wheel-drive system is available on both turbocharged models. According to Ford, it continually assesses road conditions and driver inputs "about 20 times faster than the blink of an eye" and can shift up to 100 per cent of the available power to either the front or rear wheels for maximum grip.

Curve Control

The Escape is the first Ford to incorporate Torque Vectoring Control and Curve Control. The idea is to distribute the correct amount of power to each wheel when cornering so that the vehicle sticks to the intended path. A display screen keeps you informed as to where the power is being directed.

2013 Ford Escape

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,000.

The only transmission available on the Escape is a six-speed automatic.

Engines

Ford has advanced powerplant choices and has done so without resorting to a V6 option. Base front-wheel-drive models run with a 168-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while front- and all-wheel-drive SE and SEL designations use a 173-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "EcoBoost" four-cylinder.

Review. After 12 years, you had to know Ford's change was going to be huge

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

For the past 12 seasons, the Ford Escape has proven a popular choice with buyers of entry-priced wagons. In car terms, 12 years is a lifetime — or two lifetimes, even — so the arrival of a successor to one of the company's top sellers is way overdue.

With an impressive sales history on its side, it's important that the Blue Oval automaker get it right with the soon-to-arrive 2013 Escape.

According to Ford's own statistics, the Escape and its ilk are exactly the type of conveyance that many folks are contemplating for their next vehicle purchase.

Accordingly, the new Escape presents a clean-sheet design-and-content approach to satisfy the needs of multi-continent customers (it's called the Kuga in Europe and elsewhere).

The sleeker look is radically different from the outgoing Escape's boxiness, which would otherwise mean a reduction in interior room. But with slightly larger dimensions overall, including an extra seven centimetres between the front and rear wheels, the result is greater rear-seat room plus slightly more passenger and cargo volume with the back seat in place or folded flat.

The Escape's "world-car" approach should play well in North America where most vehicles in its class look more like tall passenger cars.

Given the highly competitive small utility category with the likes of the Hyundai Tucson, Mazda CX-5 and Kia Sportage, the Escape's advanced mechanicals and handsome looks should keep it relevant for at least another dozen years.

And with a $23,000 base price, it's new style and technology that's affordable.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Go fetch it

Here's an item that all pickup-truck owners — or owners of full-size sport utility vehicles for that matter — should keep with them at all times. Having the lightweight aluminum EZ-Retriever II from Agri-Cover Inc. on hand allows you to reach those items that, whether intentionally or not, are positioned at the far end of the bed. Instead of climbing into the box (made all the worse if you have a tonneau cover), the 150-centimetre-long extendible device allows you to snag those hard-to-reach items and drag them to the gate. And by reversing the process, you can push loads to the back of the bed from the tailgate. Pick one up for $20 US from ezretriever2.com. WHEELBASE

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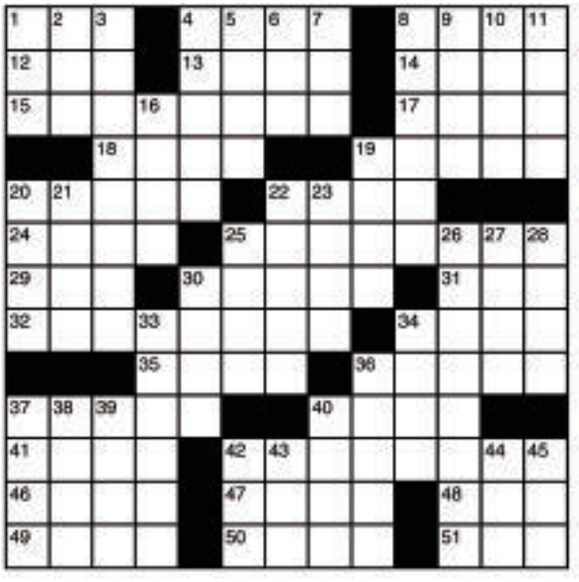
Crossword

Across

1 Computer acronym
4 Roe provider
8 Admitting air
12 Lawyers' org.
13 Lyricist's subject
14 Humdinger
15 Hat maker
17 Handle
18 Pack of cards
19 Zoo structures
20 Enthusiast, and then some
22 Centrifuge insert
24 Protuberance
25 Easy chair
29 Work with
30 Spot on TV?
31 Commotion
32 "Ich bin ein —"
34 Goblet feature
35 Coop collection
36 Down East
37 Toes' woes
40 Picasso contemporary
41 Settled down
42 Youngman joke
46 Stereo set
47 Jack Benny interjection
48 Shock partner
49 Yule refrain
50 Oodles
51 Guided

Down

1 Aries
2 Sapporo sash
3 Seasickness
4 Glossy
5 Gridlock noise
6 "Hail, Caesar!"
7 Aachen article
8 Acid neutralizer
9 Freud cohort
10 Shaving-cream additive
11 Abrades
16 Bound
19 Ump's announcement
20 Blooper
21 Stratagem
22 Irritates
23 Torte topper
25 Pugilists' arena
26 Countrywide
27 Paradise
28 Appian Way terminus
30 Pen pals?
33 Soup legume
34 Rani's garment
36 Factories
37 Songwriter Sammy
38 Medley
39 Abundant
40 Dissolve
42 Pussycat's partner
43 Ultra-modernist
44 Mate of 1-Down
45 Roulette bet



Sudoku

3			1		2			7
	6		3		7		9	
		7				8		
		3	6		5	1		
7								9
		2	4		9	5		
		5				3		
	7		5		6		4	
9			2		8			1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	3
7	5	9	3	2	4	1	8	6
3	6	2	1	8	9	5	7	4
5	9	8	7	3	2	6	4	1
4	3	6	9	1	8	7	5	2
1	2	7	5	4	6	8	3	9
6	4	1	2	7	5	3	9	8
2	7	3	8	9	1	4	6	5
9	8	5	4	6	3	2	1	7

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

Z P R P P W X Z M R X Q G W M W T ,

R R G Z K R P Q A W L ' J P Q Q J K

T Q Z M Q P K R P Q - L R M A .

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MY FATHER REALLY LOVES LICKING ENVELOPES, PEOPLE OFTEN LIKE TO CALL HIM A SEALING FAN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals N

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. No matter how big the challenge, you will emerge victorious.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Whatever you turn your hand to today will work out better than you expected.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Someone who does not want to see you succeed will try to talk you out of attempting something that could boost your reputation. Don't let them.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. This is going to be a busy day for you – you will be rushing here, there and everywhere trying to get it all done. Set yourself a time deadline.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down, but don't go too far and say things that might make it difficult for you to work together in future.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You will pull out all the stops to be the biggest and the best at what you do.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You can move either this way or that way today. But it has to be one or the other.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A task you have to complete will be easier than you expected.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You won't lack for advice today – everyone wants to tell you what you should be doing – but if you are smart you will ignore it all and listen only to your own inner voice.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Pluto in your sign is energized by Mars today, which means you can't lose.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Some people will be shocked by how far you are prepared to go to get what you desire over the next 24 hours, but they shouldn't be.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Don't sit at home watching the world through your window or, worse, your television screen.

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